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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A modular window well, comprising:

first and second wall members, each defining upper and lower edges, and generally vertical opposite side edges;

each wall member including at least one wedge adjacent each opposite side edge and adjacent a selected one of the upper and lower edges, each wedge defining a generally horizontal axis and a side edge extending at an acute angle relative to the horizontal axis and a retaining edge extending transverse to the horizontal axis;

each wall member further including at least one wedge-engaging surface adjacent each opposite side edge and adjacent the other of the upper and lower edges, the retaining edges of the wedges engaging the wedge-engaging surfaces to interconnect the first and second wall members in a vertically stacked configuration.

Claim 2 (original): The modular window well of claim 1, wherein:

the wedge-engaging surfaces comprise edges of openings through the first and second wall members.

Claim 3 (original): The modular window well of claim 1, wherein:

the wedge comprises a horizontally extending web.

Claim 4 (original): The modular window well of claim 1, wherein:

the first wall member is positioned above the second wall member with a lower edge portion of the first wall member overlapping an upper edge portion of the second wall member.

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Claim 5 (original): The modular window well of claim 4, wherein:

the lower edge portion of the first wall member comprises a lower horizontally extending flange, and the upper edge portion of the second wall comprises an upper horizontally extending flange that abuts the lower horizontally extending flange to support the first wall member above the second wall member.

Claim 6 (original): The modular window well of claim 5, wherein:

the first and second wall members have a U-shape in plan view.

Claim 7 (original): The modular window well of claim 6, wherein:

the first and second wall members include transversely mounting flanges adjacent the opposite side edges, and wherein at least a portion of the mounting flanges of the first wall member overlap the mounting flanges of the second wall member.

Claim 8 (original): The modular window well of claim 7, wherein:

the overlapping portions of the mounting flanges have aligned openings for receiving a fastener.

Claim 9 (original): The modular window well of claim 8, wherein:

the first and second wall members include horizontally extending steps having spaced apart upper and lower webs and a pair of vertically extending reinforcing ribs extending between and interconnecting the upper and lower webs.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A modular window well, comprising:

a generally vertical wall member having spaced apart first and second end portions, each end portion including a connecting structure, the vertical wall member having a central portion horizontally spaced from the first and second end portions to define a central space bounded by the end portions and the central portion; and

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first and second horizontally spaced-apart extension wall members extending from the first and second end portions, respectively, the first extension wall member having a first side edge portion secured to the first end portion, and the second extension wall member having a first side edge portion secured to the second end portion, each extension wall member further including a second side edge portion that is horizontally spaced from the first side edge portion and including connecting structure for securing the extension wall member to the foundation of a building.

Claim 11 (original): The modular window well of claim 10, wherein:

the generally vertical wall member includes a horizontally elongate channel to provide stiffness.

Claim 12 (original): The modular window well of claim 11, wherein:

the first and second extension wall members each include a channel aligned with the channel of the vertical wall member.

Claim 13 (original): The modular window well of claim 12, wherein:

the end portions of the vertical wall member have a cross-sectional shape that is substantially the same as that of the first and second extension wall members.

Claim 14 (original): The modular window well of claim 10, wherein:

the connecting structures of the vertical wall member and the first and second extension wall members comprise flanges having a plurality of openings therethrough.

Claim 15 (original): The modular window well of claim 10, wherein:

the vertical wall member has a U-shape in plan view.

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Claim 16 (original): The modular window well of claim 15, wherein:

the central portion of the vertical wall member includes a transversely extending portion forming a step, the transversely extending portion having spaced apart upper and lower walls defining a gap there between.

Claim 17 (original): The modular window well of claim 16, including: at least one rib extending between and interconnecting upper and lower walls.

Claim 18 (original): The modular window well of claim 17, including: an opening through the vertical wall member adjacent the step to form a handle.

Claim 19 (original): The modular window well of claim 17, wherein:

said rib defines an outer surface and including a cavity in the outer surface for receiving a screw.

Claim 20 (original): The modular window well of claim 18, wherein: the opening extends through the upper wall of the transversely extending portion.

Claims 21-38 (canceled)